

United States Senate

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Elaine Chao, Secretary
United States Department of Labor
Frances Perkins Building
200 Constitution Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write to support the National Emergency Grant application (NEG-WI-ST-08-001) submitted by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development on behalf of the men and women losing their jobs at General Motors, Lear Corporation, United Industries and Logistics Services Incorporated in Janesville, Wisconsin as a result of the recent announcement by General Motors officials that production at the plant will cease by the end of 2010. Lear Corporation, United Industries and Logistics Services Incorporated workers provide direct services for General Motors.

DWD officials are requesting \$3,811,892 to assist these workers and their families as they seek training so that they can find alternative employment in an area especially hard hit by these plant closings. Officials here in Wisconsin are committed to providing significant resources to occupational retraining and will include supportive services such as travel payments, child care and other related expenses. A coordinated plan of services that draw on NEG and TAA resources will be developed to assist workers.

As a native of Janesville, Wisconsin I am especially aware of the devastating impact these job losses will have on my hometown community. I urge you to expedite processing this as you give the request your full and fair consideration.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Russell D. Feingold
United States Senator

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